

TO ZOUCH 15 MARCH 1759

glad to know what her *Urania*<sup>8</sup> is. I fear you will find little satisfaction in a library of *Noble Works*: I have got several, some duplicates that shall be at your service if you continue your collection, but in general they are mere curiosities.<sup>9</sup>

Mr Hume has published his *History of the House of Tudor*:<sup>10</sup> I have not advanced far in it, but it appears an inaccurate and careless, as it certainly has been a very hasty performance.

Adieu! Sir, I am

Your most obedient servant,

HOR. WALPOLE

From ZOUCH, ca April 1759

Missing.

From ZOUCH, ca Friday 11 May 1759

Missing. It is clear from HW's letter of 14 May 1759 that he is replying to two letters on the navigation of the Calder.

To ZOUCH, Monday 14 May 1759

Printed from MS now wSL. Previously printed, *HW's Letters to Hertford and Zouch* 265-8; Wright iii. 448-50; Cunningham iii. 223-5; Toynbee iv. 262-4. For history of MS see *ante* 3 Aug. 1758.

Strawberry Hill, May 14, 1759.

Sir,

**Y**OU accuse me with so much delicacy and with so much seeming justice, that I must tell you the truth, cost me what it will. It is fact, I own, that I have been silent, not knowing what to say to you or

broke; 1st E. of Montgomery. HW mentions *The Countesse of Montgomeries Eusebia: Expressing Briefly, the Soules Praying Robes*, 1620, by Robert Newton of Gretford, in a note to the account of her successor as Pembroke's wife, Lady Anne Clifford (1590-1676). See R&NA<sup>2</sup> ii. 172.

8. HW mentions this work in R&NA, *Works* i. 485. It is by Mary Sidney (fl. 1621), m. (1604) Sir Robert Wroth (ca 1576-1614). It was published in 1621, and was called *The Countess of Montgomery's Urania* as a compliment to the author's friend, Susan

de Vere, Countess of Montgomery. It is a close imitation of the *Arcadia* of Lady Wroth's uncle, Sir Philip Sidney.

9. HW's considerable collection of 'noble works' was chiefly housed in press A in the Library at SH. The books in press A were sold SH i. 1-75.

10. David Hume (1711-76), philosopher and historian. His *History of the House of Tudor*, 2 vols, 1759, was later incorporated as part of his *History of England*, 8 vols, 1763. HW's copy (4 vols) was sold SH v. 27.